

HONORING AUSTIN HERRIN

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 30, 2001

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Austin Herrin for saving the life of my constituent and cousin, Tom Radanovich. Mr. Herrin's courage and composure during an emergency situation exemplified heroism.

On the evening of September 19, 2000, Tom Radanovich and a friend were dining at an Applebee's Restaurant in Clovis, CA. Tom was enjoying a steak. Unexpectedly, a piece of the meat became lodged in Tom's throat. Tom began to panic and indicate that he was unable to breathe. Austin Herrin, the waiter who had been serving Tom, noticed the commotion and quickly approached Tom. Mr. Herrin calmly performed the Heimlich maneuver, which successfully removed the meat from Tom's throat. Austin's actions likely saved Tom Radanovich's life.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Austin Herrin for his quick action in helping save a life. I urge my colleagues to join me in expressing deep gratitude to Mr. Herrin.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN ALEXANDER
CAMP AU**HON. NICK SMITH**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect for his outstanding service to the community, that I ask my colleagues in Congress to recognize John Alexander Campau for receiving the Jackson County Small Business Person of the Year Award.

John Campau is the ultimate entrepreneur. He took the risk, and accepted the challenge of running Comtronics. It is with great pleasure that I congratulate him on his past 12 seasons of service.

Under his leadership, sales revenue has more than doubled. Comtronics has added 27 employees and almost 1,000 customers and has expanded into seven states. Gross profits have increased, net profits have increased, and net worth of the corporation has increased over 300 percent. Today, the company is larger, stronger, more diverse, and financially more sound than ever before in its 42-year history. As president and chief executive officer, John Campau rose to the occasion and exceeded all projections of growth. He has a life long history of being a leader and a 14-year track record of outstanding business success. John Campau is a true entrepreneur. He had a vision and a relentless passion to create and succeed.

Not only has John been a industry leader, but more importantly he has continued a family tradition of being an active member of his community. Supporting community organizations such as the American Cancer Society, Hot Air Jubilee, Family Service and Children's Aid, Junior Achievement and the United Way, John understands the importance of giving back to his community.

John Campau's devotion and determination to both Comtronics and his community is to be

applauded and I am honored to join the Greater Jackson community in recognizing him and wishing continued success in his future endeavors.

AS PROFITS ON A DRUG GO UP, SO DOES UTILIZATION. IS THIS A FORM OF PATIENT ABUSE?

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, Medicare and many others pay for prescription drugs on the basis of the average wholesale price (AWP). Unfortunately, the AWP is a completely fictitious price which has been manipulated by a number of drug companies in ways the companies believe will influence physician prescribing practices. Have they succeeded?

While the AWP payment loophole is an abuse of taxpayers, I am concerned that it may be causing unnecessary utilization and prescribing of drugs in a way that can be an abuse of the patient. I would appreciate hearing from medical experts whether the following data can be explained by good medical practice, or whether it is another example of pharmaceutical company success in using price differentials to shape prescribing patterns, which may, or may not, be good for the patient.

For example, in 1995, Medicare paid \$3.11 a unit for the inhalation drug Ipratropium Bromide. That's exactly what it cost the doctor at wholesale, and total Medicare usage and expenditure on the drug was only \$14,426,108.

In 1996, a 'spread' developed between what Medicare paid (\$3.75 a unit) and what the doctor paid, \$3.26 a unit, and utilization went to \$47,388,622.

In 1997, Medicare paid \$3.50 but doctors only paid \$2.15 and utilization doubled, to \$96,204,639.

In 1998, the spread increased as Medicare paid \$3.34 but doctors could get the drug for \$1.70, and utilization doubled again, to \$176,887,868. Does anyone really believe that the need for this drug doubled in one year?

The data is just in for 1999, and shows that the spread and usage widened again: Medicare paid \$3.34 a unit. Doctors could get the drug for \$1.60 a unit, and Medicare spent \$201,470,288 for Ipratropium Bromide.

The abuse of the taxpayer in this situation is serious. But what is even more serious is the question that must be raised about the doctor-patient relationship and whether patients can trust doctors to prescribe appropriately when they can make 108% profit on the prescription of a drug?

ELECTION REFORM ACT

HON. THOMAS M. DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 30, 2001

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I, along with my fellow colleagues, Representatives STEVE ROTHMAN, PATRICK KENNEDY and HEATHER WILSON, DAVID DRIER and ALCEE HASTINGS are pleased to introduce meaningful,

bipartisan legislation to reform the administration of our nation's elections. The Election Reform Act will ensure that our nation's electoral process is brought up to twenty-first century standards.

The Election Reform Act will establish an Election Administration Commission to study federal, state and local voting procedures and election administration and provide grants to update voting systems. The legislation combines the Federal Election Commission's Election Clearinghouse and the Department of Defense's Office of Voting Assistance, which facilitates voting by American civilians and servicemen overseas, into the Election Administration Commission, creating one permanent commission charged with electoral administration.

The Commission will be comprised of four individuals appointed by the President, with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Commission will conduct an ongoing study and make recommendations on the "best practices" relating to voting technology, ballot design and polling place accessibility. Under this legislation, the Commission will recommend ways to improve voter registration, verification of registration, and the maintenance and accuracy of voter rolls.

It is vital that we establish this Commission as a permanent body. Many issues and concerns surrounding elections necessitate a continual review of ever-changing technologies. A permanent Commission will be best suited to facilitate the sharing of information about new, cost-effective technologies that can improve the way we administer elections in America.

HONORING REV. FRED CORNELL'S
FIFTY YEARS IN THE MINISTRY**HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 30, 2001

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the fifty years of ministry for the Reverend Fred Cornell, pastor of the Concordia Church of Christ in Belleville, Illinois.

This month, Reverend Cornell is celebrating 50 years in the ministry. Rev. Cornell was ordained on December 27, 1950 and went on to establish himself as a progressive religious leader with a willingness to get involved in the community and speak out on important issues. He was pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Belleville in 1964, when he was arrested in Mississippi with 26 others helping to register African American voters.

Reverend Cornell grew up in St. Louis, Missouri. His great-great-grandfather served as a Presbyterian Missionary to native Americans in Maine and Pennsylvania in the early 1800's. Reverend Cornell served three years in the navy and earned a business degree from Washington University in St. Louis. He also worked for Ralston-Purina of St. Louis, but found that work to be unsatisfying. He attended McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago for three years and got his first job as a minister in Mountainburg, Arkansas. Two years later he became pastor of two small churches in Owensville and Gerald, Missouri.

In 1956, he began as the Associate Pastor at First Presbyterian in Belleville and became

its pastor three years later. His social activism was rooted in the Church philosophy that led the fight against slavery in the 1800's. His travels to Mississippi were in response to a church call for help with voter registration drives. Reverend Cornell was also active in promoting meetings between people. During the Vietnam War he formed a local group of concerned citizens about the War.

Throughout his time at First Presbyterian, he was also busy with numerous building projects having assisted with the construction of the new First Presbyterian church and the creation of First United Presbyterian Church in 1982. Reverend Cornell also served as the President of the Belleville Ministerial Alliance in the 50's and moderator of the Alton Presbytery in the 1960's. He also helped found the Belleville Clergy Association.

Reverend Cornell married his wife Barbara in 1994. His son John is an artist who lives in Belleville. He also has two grandchildren. Reverend Cornell also was no stranger to adversity himself, his other son Paul, who was only 24 years old, died in 1977 after a blockage was discovered in his brain. Reverend Cornell also suffered a heart attack that same year and underwent by-pass surgery in 1987. After "retiring" from First United Presbyterian in 1988 he went to Concordia United Church of Christ. This place, he thought, would be perfect for him. The little country church, founded by German immigrants in 1845, had just lost its pastor of 19 years. Reverend Cornell now ministers its 90 members.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Reverend Fred Cornell and to recognize his commitment for service to the community.

HONORING RICHARD "DICK"
JOHANSON

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH
OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 30, 2001

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I would like to present the following Opinion-Editorial that was written by Deborah Nankivell, executive director of the Fresno Business Council. The Opinion-Editorial, printed in the Fresno Bee on December 20, 2000, reads as follows:

JOHANSON'S "GIFT" HAS BEEN SERVICE TO
PUBLIC

We all make decisions everyday based upon external signals and usually motivated by achieving specific goals. Much of life is about taking care of daily tasks and making plans for the future.

Then there are those whose path is determined from the inside. Their commitment is to serving and improving the lives of others. Usually these people are invisible in a community. They are the ones who work tirelessly in service professions, the healing arts and serving on countless committees. However, in times of crisis, these people make what is for them a difficult sacrifice, they assume public leadership positions.

For the past five years, such a public servant, Richard Johanson, has led the Fresno Business Council. When he was asked to assume this position he was bewildered. He could not understand why community leaders would turn to him to lead the organization. Time has made obvious what the wise among us already knew.

Fresno desperately needed to witness a new kind of leader, a community steward, someone who could inspire others to contribute their very highest talents to addressing a myriad of community problems.

SPECIAL TOUCH

It has been often asked how Dick does what he does. How does he take a table full of people who disagree and don't much like each other to come to consensus in less than an hour with hardly saying anything? Why have boards canceled or postponed meetings upon knowing Dick could not attend because they knew without him unproductive conflict would ensue. Why is it that Dick is the one everybody trusts?

I believe it is not about what he does at all; it is about who he is. His presence reminds us all of the noble impulses we would love to act upon, but so often choose to ignore in order to satisfy the desires of the ego. Dick has been a role model simply by living his life according to his inner code of honor. In doing so, he has created a culture of stewardship within the Business Council that has begun to spread throughout the community.

Six years ago, the lack of civility was painfully obvious in the public arena. Today, those in the public affairs community are learning one of the responsibilities of public service is to be positive role models. Five years ago, the different sectors of the community operated in internal and external vacuums, often in competition with one another. Today, seeking collaborative partners is becoming the norm.

Four years ago, expecting merit-based decisions was considered naive. Today, seeking the views of all the stakeholders and deliberating on the merits of an issue is becoming the new standard for decision-making.

Three years ago, an expectation of excellence was seen as a criticism in a community defending the status quo. Today, the Center for Advanced Research and Technology, which Dick chairs, is a national example of excellence and the process of its creation has inspired people throughout the Valley to dream new dreams fully expecting fruition.

UNIQUE ROLE

While certainly many people have had a hand in the steady transformation of the Fresno area, Dick has played a unique and essential role. His ability to love, to care so deeply about his community and everyone who lives here, has melted the hearts and loosened the resources of everyone who is needed to help create a healthier and more prosperous home for us all.

As Dick steps down as president of the Business Council and passes the new leadership mantle to Ken Newby, it is the appropriate time to publicly thank him for the gift of himself.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Richard "Dick" Johanson for his years of dedicated and distinguished service to his community. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing Mr. Johanson many more years of continued success.

TRIBUTE TO MR. BILLY D. HARBIN
OF MADISON COUNTY, AL

HON. ROBERT E. (BUD) CRAMER, JR.

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 30, 2001

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a man who has served Madison County for 30 years, Mr. Billy Harbin. I would like to recognize the outstanding contributions

of Mr. Harbin to our community and to the Twenty-Third Judicial Circuit of Alabama.

Mr. Harbin's roots are deep within North Alabama. After growing up in Huntsville and graduating from Hazel Green High School, Mr. Harbin played basketball and baseball on scholarship at the University of North Alabama in Florence. After serving the Army on active duty between 1956-58, Mr. Harbin went to work with them at Redstone Arsenal as an instructor with the Ordnance Guided Missile School and Missile Munitions Center and School. Mr. Harbin's love for his country found a different path when he first ran for Circuit Clerk in 1970. His commitment to justice and efficiency were recognized by the people he served. He ran for re-election four times, each time without opposition. His colleagues appreciated his service as well selecting him to receive the first "Outstanding Circuit Clerk" State of Alabama award. He is also the recipient of the Huntsville/Madison County Jaycee's "Good Government Award" and the Huntsville/Madison County Bar Association's "Liberty Bell Award".

His dedication to his community extends beyond his professional duties. He has given of his time and talents to several civic boards of directors including the Salvation Army, Community Bank of North Alabama and Huntsville Hospital. Former Chief Justices of the Alabama Supreme Court including the Hon. Howell Heflin and the Hon. C.C. "Bo" Torbert, Jr. have nominated him to several state commissions and to the Board of Directors of the Alabama Judicial College.

For his hard work, vision and dedication to the people of Madison County, I feel this is an apt honor. Now as he retires, I wish to thank Mr. Harbin for his extraordinary service for his community and this nation. On behalf of the U.S. Congress, I pay tribute to Mr. Harbin and thank him for a job well done. I join his wife Joyce, his two children Danny and Sandy, and his three granddaughters in congratulating him on his retirement. I wish him a well-deserved rest.

IN HONOR OF ALICE OSTROW
RENT CONTROL AND UNION AC-
TIVIST, ON HER PASSING

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 30, 2001

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to Alice Ostrow, a longtime union supporter and housing activist, who passed away on January 4, 2001. Ms. Ostrow, a onetime Socialist candidate for Congress in New Jersey's 12th Congressional District, was a cofounder of the Textile Workers' Organizing Committee. In her capacity as a union leader, Ms. Ostrow served as an effective and compassionate leader throughout the organized labor movement of the 20th Century.

Alice Ostrow was born in Philadelphia in 1915, honed her leadership skills as class president at South Philadelphia High School, and attended Stroussberg State Teachers' College. Pushing aside the limitations American society placed upon women, she began her foray into politics when she joined the Philadelphia Chapter of the Young Peoples' Socialist League.